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In re application of:

Claude F. Meares, et al.

Application No.: 09/671,953

Filed: September 27, 2000

For: **ENGINEERING ANTIBODIES
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Examiner: Larry R. Helms

Art Unit: 1642

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed May 1, 2002. A Petition for a two-month extension of time is submitted concurrently herewith in a separate paper to extend the time for response to on or before October 1, 2002. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and further examination of the above-referenced patent application in view of the amendments and remarks presented herein. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, lines 17-27, please insert the following replacement paragraph.

Over a million new cases of cancer will be diagnosed this year in the United States (see, for example, American Cancer Society; http://www.cancer.org/statistics/cff98/basicfact_toc.html; National Cancer Institute;

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